City of Lynchburg Police Department

Neighborhood Watch Newsletter

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Partnership Meeting

Thanks to everyone who came out to our annual "Partnership" Meeting!

Highlights:

- Overall Crime throughout the city was down in 2014, -3.97% from 2013.
- Violent Crime was up slightly +0.18% from 2013.
- Property Crime saw a significant drop in 2014, -5.37% from 2013.
- Lynchburg Night Out Against Crime 2015: Date set for, Monday, September 14.
- Deputy Chief Major Swisher highlighted the department's efforts with Community Programs and Initiatives.
 - The Full Document: LPD Community Engagement Activities / Programs is available online at: www.lynchburgva.gov/message-chiefs-office



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Survey Says!

Thank you to everyone who returned a Neighborhood Watch Survey. The following is a summary of the results.

- Do you feel that your neighborhood is safe? 49 said YES / 11 said NO
- The Top 3 most serious problems in our neighborhoods:
 - 1: Litter / Illegal Dumping
 - 2: Drugs / Unsupervised Juveniles
 - 3: Larceny from Vehicles / Abandoned Property / Rental Properties
- Problems is Neighborhoods

Assault / Battery	10	Gangs	10
Drugs	30	Noise / Nuisance	16
DUI	15	Prostitution	1
Fraud / Scams	2	Truancy / Unsupervised Juveniles	14
Loitering / Trespassing	15	Auto Theft	5
Drunk in Public	5	Larceny	7
Rape / Sexual Assault	0	Litter / Trash	33
Vandalism	12	Other: Traffic Related	1
Robbery	7	Other: Abandoned Property	1
Domestic Abuse	11	Other: Dogs	2
Burglary	14	Other: Larceny from Vehicle	1

Crime Prevention Unit Staff

Lieutenant M. Booker 455-6165

Assistant Supervisor: Officer J. Rater 455-6136

Officer R. Gonzalez - School Resource Officer Heritage High School

Officer L. Brooks - School Resource Officer E.C. Glass High School

Officer A. Johnson - School Resource Officer Dunbar School for Innovation

Officer D. Dill - School Resource Officer Linkhorne Middle School

Officer J. Petersen - School Resource Officer Sandusky Middle School

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Cindy Kozerow - Crime Prevention Specialist 455-6145

Steven Wood - Community Services Coordinator 455-6158

Survey Results Continued...

Do you think the Police are doing a good job? 45 said <u>YES</u> / 9 said <u>NO</u> / 7 had no answer.

SURVEY COMMENTS:

- •Need to patrol more / be in neighborhoods
- More diversity
- More Officers / Better Pay

Assign Officers to specific neighborhoods / Community Policing

Share Neighborhood Watch with New Neighbors:

- Fight and Reduce Crime
- Get to know our neighbors
- Cleanup our communities
- Take ownership in our communities



Remember

There is no crystal ball in Crime Prevention. If you do not report it, it did not happen. Don't depend on your neighbor to do it for you, or don't assume that someone else already reported it.



LPD On the Lighter Side...













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